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K-State Rodeo Club to host Invitational Bull Bash

By Kate Hagans THE COLLEGIAN

he K-State Rodeo Club will host the K-State Invitational Bull Bash, previously known as the Brett Cushenbery Memorial, this Friday and Saturday.

The two-day event will feature 30 bull riders from across the Midwest. They will compete for a share of the \$5,000 bonus prize money. The performances start at 7 p.m. both nights at Weber Arena.

"The riders we have are the 30 of the best riders in the Midwest, which will make for an action packed weekend," said Lauren Rumbaugh, K-State rodeo club president and senior in animal sciences and industry.

The Bull Bash will be coordinated as a long run; the first round will be held on Friday, followed by the second and third rounds on Saturday. All riders will get two rides and the top 10 riders with the highest average scores will compete in the third

Daniel Unruh, senior in animal sciences and industry, will be the bull fighter, also known as a rodeo clown, for the Bull Bash. Unruh has been involved with professional bull fighting for eight years.

"My favorite part of the event is the night that it starts, [seeing] all the work that you have seen your friends and yourself put into planning, coordinating, producing and delivering a successful quality family event," Unruh said.

Treasurer of the K-State Rodeo Club Danielle Stuerman, sophomore in animal sciences and industry, has



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A bull rider holds on for as long as he can as the bull tries to throw him off at the 2013 Brett Cushenbery Memorial on Jan. 25 in Weber Arena.

been responsible for establishing an event budget and working to organize sponsorships.

"Attendees will see a great show, interact with K-State's team and club members and even get to meet

the K-State Rodeo Queen and con-

testants for the current competition," Stuerman said.

A Bull Bash dance will be hosted both nights at RC McGraw's, 2317 Tuttle Creek Blvd., after the perfor-

Advanced tickets are \$15 for

adults, and \$10 with K-State or military I.D. Tickets at the door are \$20 for adults, and \$15 with K-State or military I.D. They can be picked up at RC McGraw's, RB Outpost, Tractor Supply, Orscheln's and Varney's Bookstore in Aggieville.

K-State's Audrey Banach crowned Miss Kansas USA 2014



By Chandrika Brewton THE COLLEGIAN

Dressed in a floor-length, sparkly white gown and shoulder-brushing earrings, contestant Audrey Banach stood poised on the stage, anxiously waiting to hear her name announced.

And then it was.

Banach, senior in communication studies, was crowned Miss Kansas USA 2014 on Dec. 22, 2013 in Wichita. The two-day pageant, sponsored by talent company Vanbros and

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Audrey Banach, senior in communication studies, was crowned Miss Kansas USA 2014 on Dec. 22, 2013. The pageant focused its judging in part on the factors of community involvement and communication skills, both in which Banach said she excels.

Associates Inc., considered contestants' community involvement, social awareness, communication skills and personal presentation. Banach was one of 27 competitors representing different Kansas locations in the pageant.

Banach, originally from Kansas City, Kan., grew up as a military child and moved around frequently with her parents and two siblings. Banach's younger brother Samuel is a K-State junior in finance, while her older sister Marilyn is a K-State alumna.

"Coming from a military family made me extremely close to my family, but also taught me to be resilient and grow out of my comfort zones," Banach said.

The idea of participating in pageants is nothing new to Banach; it runs in her family. Her mother, Margie Banach, ran for Miss Iowa USA when she was studying nursing at

University of Iowa. Banach said that her mother's experience was part of her inspiration to participate in the pag-

"I really went into the pageant thinking 'I'm young, this is going into my senior year, and I want to do something where I really put my heart into and and also get more involved," Banach said.

In preparation for the pageant, Banach worked with Joe Koehle, communications instructor and head coach of the K-State debate team, as well her sorority's (Alpha Xi Delta) president to hone her public speaking skills.



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Local, state area briefs

By Karen Sarita Ingram THE COLLEGIAN

Murder suspect to return from Florida

KCTV 5 News reports that a young woman suspected of murdering a Topeka business man has agreed to return to Kansas after waiving an extradition hearing in Florida. Sarah Brooke Gonzales McLinn, 19, was arrested while camping in the Everglades National Park in Homestead, Fla. last weekend. She is accused of killing Harold Sasko, her employer and the owner of CiCi's Pizza restaurants in Topeka and Lawrence. Sasko was found dead in his home on Jan. 17.

Bail bondsman to be sentenced

Edward Carnoali pleaded no contest to aggravated assault charges in Leavenworth County on Wednesday and is scheduled to be sentenced on March 12. Carnoali, a bail bondsman, was arrested when he fired a sawed-off shotgun at a suspect he was trying to arrest on the 1400 block of Grand Avenue in Leavenworth, Kan. on Sept. 25.

Mother and son plead not guilty to aiding and abetting murder

A Manhattan mother and son, accused of aiding and abetting the first-degree murder of a Manhattan man. pleaded not guilty on Monday. Christina Love, 49, and her son James McKenith. 33, allegedly helped Anthony Nichols, 33-year-old from Kansas City, Kan., kill Manhattan resident John Burroughs in his home last September. McKenith was accused of stabbing Burroughs after Nichols shot him.

Kansas employment rates improve

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Kansas's unemployment rate dropped in the past year from 5.5 percent in December 2012 to 4.9 percent in December

Doctoral dissertation

The Graduate School announces the final doctoral dissertation of Oliver Freeman, titled, "Winter Cover Crops in Corn and Forage Sorghum Rotations in the Great Plains." It will be held Feb. 20 at 1:30 p.m. in 2002 Throckmorton Hall.

Winter brings dangerous driving situations, need for road safety tips

By Karen Sarita Ingram THE COLLEGIAN

It's time for some snow advice. Old Man Winter isn't through with us, yet. According to The Weather Channel, we have a chance of snow on Friday and Saturday (although that forecast may very well change six or seven times between now and Friday). It isn't supposed to be a

from the recent chaos in Georgia, even a little bit of snow can be dangerous if you're not used to it. Or, if someone else around you is not used to it.

lot of snow, but as we have seen

1. Be aware of other people on the road

Many college students started driving at the age of 16, and so have a couple of years' experience under their belt by now, but

not everyone. Also, you must bear in mind that a great many people in Manhattan are not from here. We have students and military families from all over the U.S. and around the world; not all of them have experience with snow. So, keep your eyes peeled if the roads are slick and make sure you keep plenty of space between you and the cars in front of you, just in case one of them needs to make a sudden stop.

2. Keep a blanket or extra coat in your car

It would be best to have an emergency kit in your car with bottled water, road flares and other survival musts, but I won't lie to you: I don't have one, either. What I do usually have on hand, though, are other little necessities to guard against the unpredictable Kansas weather, such as an extra coat, boots and an umbrella. Kansas weather, as

the natives can tell you, changes very quickly and unpredictably. This can wreak havoc on your poor car. Just in case your battery dies and AAA is busy with a line of other unfortunate customers, it might be a good idea to have something warm to snuggle under for the wait. Don't forget your ice scraper!

3. The key to driving in inclement weather is slow motion

Slick roads caused by ice, snow or rain can be scary, but are totally doable. Just remember to do everything slower and gentler than normal. If you are speeding up or turning, do it at half the speed you normally would. If you need to stop, try braking more gently and sooner than you normally would. After a while, you'll get a good "feel" for it and be able to drive with more confidence.

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CORRECTIONS

There was an error in the Jan. 29 issue. The photo of President Barack Obama at the State of the Union address was taken at the 2013 speech. The Collegian regrets the error.

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ARREST REPORTS

Sunday, Jan. 26 Y'Quesha Monei Alexander, Ogden, was booked for domestic battery and criminal damage to property. Bond was listed at \$2,000.

Tuesday, Jan. 28 Robert Lee Black, Chapman, Kan., was booked for criminal damage to property. Bond was listed at \$1,000.

Eric Jerome Tucker, 400 block of Fremont Street, was booked for domestic battery. Bond was listed at \$2,000.

Wednesday, Jan. 29 Rodney Tyrone Strother, Jr., Fort Riley, was booked for domestic battery. Bond was set at \$1,000.

The Fourum is a quirky view of campus life in voices from the K-State community. Positive and humorous comments are selected for publication by the Collegian marketing staff.

Forum -> Fourum -> Four rum shots

I'm pretty sure there's a hobo who lives in Seaton.

Real men wear cargo shorts in this weather; turns out most GDIs.

Hey Fourum. How you doing? I just wanted to make a comment about parking over in the Holiday Inn. It's not free. It'll cost you \$25 for each time you get caught over there. Talk to the guy.

You would think the Internet in the Union would work once in a while,

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For The Win | By Parker Wilhelm



The Weekly Planner

Thursday, Jan. 30

MLK Fellowship Luncheon 11:30 a.m. Ballroom K-State Alumni Center

John Steuart Curry and Kansas: The Muse

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6 p.m. Beach Museum of Art

Friday, Jan. 31

K-State vs. Northern Iowa 1 p.m. Body First Fitness and Tennis Center

Laying of the Wreaths 2 p.m. MLK Bust, Ahearn Fieldhouse

2014 K-State Invitational Bull Bash 7 p.m. Weber Hall

An Evening with Bernadette Peters 7:30 p.m. McCain Auditorium

Saturday, Feb. 1

Deadline to complete and submit K-State scholarship application

K-State vs. Liberty

12 p.m. Body First Fitness and Tennis Center

"Captain Philips" 7 p.m. Forum Hall, K-State Student Union

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Healthy Super Bowl alternatives include simple desserts



hile Super Bowl Sunday is quickly approaching, there is still plenty of time to plan a menu that is fitting for everyone. From traditional appetizers like pigs-in-a-blanket, to entrée items like hamburger sliders or pulled pork sandwiches, food will be aplenty on many tables around the country.

Even though many people throw a party for arguably the biggest football game of the year, that doesn't mean the food has to be unhealthy.

One of the easiest alternatives to increase the nutritional value of the food intake on Sunday is to offer a vegetable and fruit tray. Grab-and-go healthy snacks are

easy and appealing to eat while watching the game.

The presentation of these trays can also be an enjoyable treat. The fruit can be presented in the form of a rainbow, offering a diverse assortment thats also aesthetically pleasing to the eye. Vegetables could be presented in a more organized way. A variety

will encourage others to consume these healthier alternatives. Low fat, low sodium or sugar-free dips could also be offered to accompany these fruit and vegetable platters.

As for desserts, here are some simple and healthy options that anyone on a college budget with an hour or so to spare can make.

Chocolate Chip Cookies



- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter, softened
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup lightly packed

brown sugar

- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 large eggs
- 1 1/2 cups brown rice flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup chocolate chips

Photo by Jakki Thompson

Preheat the oven to 375 F. In a large mixing bowl, combine the butter, granulated sugar and brown sugar until the mixture is light and fluffy. Then, add in the vanilla extract and eggs until all of the wet ingredients are well mixed. Add the brown rice flour, baking soda and salt. Blend these ingredients together until well combined. Once combined, scrape the sides of the bowl and add the chocolate chips. Make sure the chocolate chips are well incorporated.

Place tablespoon-sized balls of dough about 2 inches apart onto ungreased cookie sheets. Bake for eight to 10 minutes, or until the edges are golden brown. Remove from oven and cool on the cookie sheets for five minutes before transferring them onto a wire rack to cool completely. From start to finish, this recipe takes about 30-40 minutes.

These cookies taste very close to a chocolate chip cookie made with wheat flour, but are nutritionally better with only 70 calories and 3 grams of fat per cookie. The same chocolate chip cookies made with wheat flour, on average, contain around 110 calories and 7 grams of fat per cookie. Brown rice flour even has a consistency similar to that of wheat flour.

The subtle differences in texture and taste go almost unnoticed by people who are used to consuming wheat flour; the cookies are just as chewy in the center and crunchy near the edges. This recipe also allows those who live gluten-free lifestyles to still eat the same foods as others around them.

Preheat the oven to 375 F. Combine the butter, granulated sugar and brown sugar in a large mixing bowl until light and fluffy. Add the egg and vanilla extract. Blend until well combined. Next, add the brown rice flour. Once mixed, add the M&M candies.

Place tablespoon-sized balls of dough about 2 inches apart onto cookie sheets. Bake for eight to 10 minutes, or until the edges are golden brown. Cool on the cookie sheets for three to five minutes before transferring to a wire cooling rack. From beginning to end, including the mixing and cooling processes, this recipe only takes 30-40 minutes to make.

With this recipe, each cookie has about 80 calories and 5 grams of fat. This is fewer calories than the same cookies made with wheat flour, which have an average of 115 calories.

These cookies are incredibly soft and chewy. They also retain their shape nicely. Rather than the cookies spreading out over the cookie sheet, they remain in small, bite-sized balls making them perfect for snacking or serving. This recipe is also a gluten-free alternative

because it uses rice flour. There is minimal difference between these cookies and their wheat-flour counterparts. Thankfully, they taste just as great and are a healthier option.

Whether you choose these cookie recipes, fruit and vegetable trays or the traditional cuisine for Super Bowl Sunday, remember healthier eating is always an option.

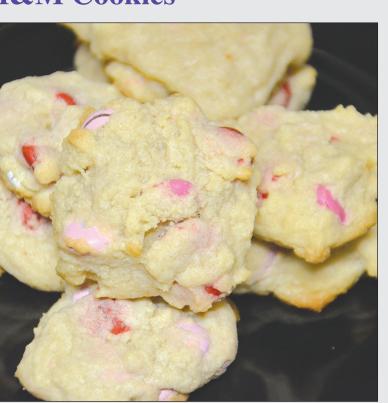
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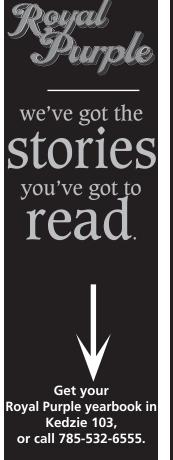
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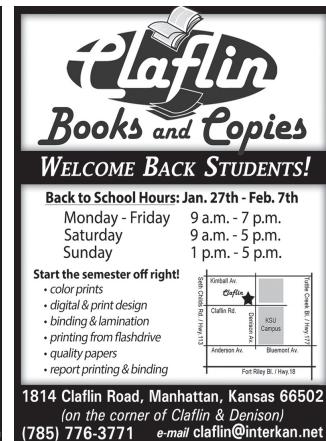


- 1/3 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 1/3 brown rice flour
- 1 cup M&Ms candies

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POWERCAT PROFILE

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By John Zetmeir the collegian

ome people possess a natural athletic talent, but display a subpar work ethic. On the opposite end of the spectrum are the athletes who might not be as gifted with natural talent, but have a work ethic that few can match. The K-State track and field coaches may have stumbled onto a rare combination of both.

Kyle Wait, senior in wildlife and outdoor enterprise management, gave high jumping a shot in seventh grade. His father Darrell Wait, who high jumped at K-State in the '80s, was the high jump coach at the time. One day at practice, when Wait began to get frustrated, one of his other coaches reached out and recommended that he give pole vaulting a shot. He took their advice and discovered he was pretty good at it. The rest, as they say, is history.

As a Gardner-Edgerton High School freshman, Wait jumped 12-6.00. For a majority of Kansas high schools, that would have put the freshman at varsity track meets. At Gardner-Edgerton, that landed Wait all alone on junior varsity.

"Vaulting at Gardner is a big deal," Wait said. "We've had a lot of good vaulters."

It did not take long for Wait to emerge as one of the top vaulters in the state. As a junior, Wait's jump of 15-00.00 was good enough for a third place finish at the state championship meet. As a senior, Wait claimed the top spot, jumping 15-06.00 and winning the Kansas 5A state championship title.

After high school, K-State is where Wait said he wanted to be, deciding to walk-on to the K-State track and field team.

"During the recruiting process, he had reached out to us just as much as we reached out to him," assistant track and field coach Kyle Hierholzer said. "He wanted to come to K-State. Once we got to know him, we were more than happy to have him on the team."

Wait said he enjoyed being a Wildcat. While other's talked about little things like gear, the new addition to the K-State track and field squad said he was just happy to be a part of the team.

"When I first got here, I was just ecstatic to be on the team," Wait said. "I was just some little freshman walking on, and yet I was treated like as part of the team instantly. I was going to big meets and performing big time and I just couldn't believe it."

During his freshman season, Wait competed in 14 total meetings be-



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Never allowing himself to be satisfied merely with his natural talent for the pole vault, senior **Kyle Wait's** work ethic enabled him to capture the Big 12 outdoor track and field pole vault championship in 2012 as a sophomore in an upset victory. He was also the first K-State male to win a pole vault championship, and successfully defend his title in the 2013 Big 12 championships.

tween indoor and outdoor season. At the Kansas Relays, Wait jumped 16-06.75, which was his best jump in his first season as a Wildcat. Despite having a pretty good freshman year, Wait was ready for more.

Going into his sophomore year, Wait's hard worked was rewarded with a scholarship, but his didn't slow down there. There was no "sophomore slump" in store for the Gardner, Kan. native; quite the opposite, in fact.

During his second meet of the outdoor season, Wait cleared 17-01.00. This was his first time clearing the 17-foot marker in collegiate competition. It was not long after that when Wait would do something during practice that to this day still sticks in the mind of Hierholzer. "He made 16 feet by like two feet, and I think his PR at the time was 17," Hierholzer said. "That was from a short run on a small pole."

Not long after that, Wait did something that would permanently etch his name into K-State track and field history. In front of a home crowd at R.V. Christian Track Complex in Manhattan, Wait cleared 17-05.00 to win the Big 12 outdoor championship in what was considered an upset. The sophomore became the first K-State male to win a Big 12

championship in the pole vault.

The following season, Wait continued to make waves in the program. The junior set the school's indoor record of 17-10.50 before defending his crown by winning the 2013 Big 12 outdoor title. But he

wasn't done yet.

Wait traveled to Eugene, Ore. to the outdoor track and field national championships, finishing in a tie for seventh place. The former walkon became the first K-State vaulter since 1982 to score at nationals. Wait's coaches said this came as no surprise.

"I've been here for 26 years and I think that you could make a strong argument that Kyle is perhaps the most gifted physical specimen that we've had here that was a full time track guy," head coach Cliff Rovelto said.

It is clear that the star pole vaulter has the natural abilities, but Wait said he has never allowed himself to fall back on his natural talent.

"As gifted as he is athletically, he

works like someone who's not gift-

ed," Hierholzer said.

Wait continues to show improvement during his senior season in his Wildcat uniform. Not only in his own performance, but for his teammates as well.

"His work ethic is just extremely encouraging and challenging," longtime teammate Tommy Brady said. "I've been training with Kyle since seventh grade and I couldn't be more thankful for a guy like that who pushes me as an athlete and also challenges me in my character as well. Our friendship has been a huge blessing and i'm thankful for

Wait will compete this weekend at the Bill Bergan Invitational in Ames, Iowa.

the model that he's been for me."

Wildcats end 10-year losing streak with 86-78 triumph over Sooners



Chandler Riley | the collegian

Junior guard **Ashia Woods** looks to feed the ball inside to the post during Wednesday's game against the Oklahoma Soon-



By David Embers The collegian

The K-State women's basketball needed a win to get back on track after having struggled in their past couple games. It took a 51 point second half, but on Wednesday night in Bramlage Coliseum, K-State knocked off the Oklahoma Sooners (13-8, 4-4 in Big 12) 86-78. The win moves the Wildcats to 9-11 for the season, and 3-6 in Big

12 play.

After the game, K-State head coach
Deb Patterson said she was very pleased
with her team's ability to bounce back

with her team's ability to bounce back.
"That was K-State fight and K-State intensity," Patterson said. "I felt like everyone was dialed in, and that is as good of a game as I can ask this team to play. I could not be any happier, not just about the victory, but about how we competed

for 40 minutes."

The Wildcats had huge nights from senior forward Katya Leick and freshman point guard Leticia Romero. Leick finished the game with 22 points, knocking down five 3-pointers. Romero was again great, totaling 23 points, 10 rebounds and nine assists. Her playmaking ability was on full display from the beginning tip, and was highlighted by her play down the stretch that helped the Wildcats pull away from Oklahoma.

Oklahoma head coach Sherri Coale spoke highly of Romero's ability to draw contact and finish in traffic.

"She is a talented freshman," Coale said. "She is a really good freshman. She ducks her head and goes to the rim and it is a free throw."

While the K-State offense was great, the defense was impressive as well. Oklahoma senior guard Aaryn Ellenberg came into the game averaging nearly 20 points per game and led the Big 12 in 3-pointers made. Ellenberg

finished with 16 points, but was limited to 1-10 from 3-point range. The Wildcat defense was suffocating, forcing Oklahoma into uncomfortable shots all night long.

K-State used a trio of guards to help disrupt Ellenberg and limit the damage. Junior Ashia Woods, freshman Kindred Wesemann and sophomore Brianna Craig all drew the assignment at different points in the game. Patterson said she felt all three stuck to the scouting report and did a great job forcing Ellenberg out of a rhythm.

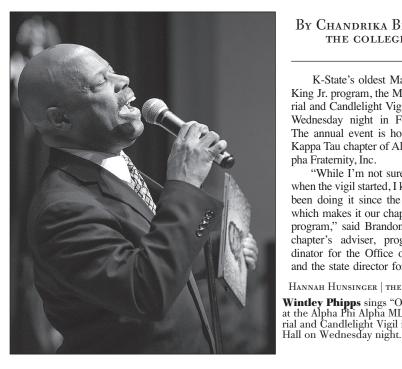
"We [the coaches] know you are guarding a great player," Patterson said. "I thought we did a great job with it. Every young lady that had the assignment did well. They defended extremely well by committee."

Wesemann added 14 points, and knocked went 3-4 from behind the 3-point line. Woods finished the contest with 12 points, and drew an and-one with under 30 seconds to play to send the knock out punch to the Sooners. The win ends a 13-game losing streak to the Sooners, stretching back to 2004.

K-State finished 26-58 from the field (45 percent), but knocked down 11 of their 22 three point attempts. Additionally, the Wildcats hit 23 free throws (74 percent), and made nearly all their attempts at the charity stripe down the stretch as OU attempted to mount a comeback. Oklahoma finished 27-55 from the field (49 percent), but struggled from deep, going 4-19 (21 percent).

The Wildcats will look to keep the momentum going as they travel to Ames, Iowa on Feb. 1 to face Iowa State. K-State knocked off the Cyclones earlier in the season, and are hoping to extend their win streak to two games. If the Wildcats can continue to knock down shots, and lock in on the defensive end, they could begin putting together a very competitive resume for postseason play.

MLK candlelight vigil memorial speaker emphasizes power of dreaming



By Chandrika Brewton THE COLLEGIAN

K-State's oldest Martin Luther King Jr. program, the MLK Memorial and Candlelight Vigil, was held Wednesday night in Forum Hall. The annual event is hosted by the Kappa Tau chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

"While I'm not sure of exactly when the vigil started, I know we've been doing it since the early '80s, which makes it our chapter's oldest program," said Brandon Clark, the chapter's adviser, program coordinator for the Office of Diversity and the state director for Alpha Phi

Hannah Hunsinger | the collegian **Wintley Phipps** sings "Overcome" at the Alpha Phi Alpha MLK Memorial and Candlelight Vigil in Forum

The ceremony began with cultural entertainment that included a praise dance by campus organization Exalted Praise Invokes Christ; an African dance by Kabila Ghana, senior in chemical engineering; and a spoken word poem, "Dear Dr. Martin," by Justice Davis, sophomore in marketing and public relations.

'We've been doing this program to commemorate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, who is a brother of our fraternity," Jacar Union, senior in American ethnic studies, said. "It is our small way of saying thank you for everything he has

Each year, the men of Alpha Phi Alpha bring in a highly renowned speaker to engage the program's audience. This year featured Wintley Augustus Phipps, a world-renowned vocal artist, pastor, motivational speaker and education activist. He is also the founder, president and CEO of the U.S. Dream Academy, Inc., a national nonprofit after-school program that provides mentoring and tutoring around the country to children of incarcerated parents and children falling behind in school.

For all of his service around the nation, Phipps has been awarded the Oprah Winfrey Angel Network Use Your Life Award, the Excellence in Mentoring for Program Leadership Award, Philanthropist of the Year Award and the Distinguished Service Award from Loma Linda University. Phipps was also nominated for a Grammy Award in 1988 and

Phipps used his personal testimony, of starting with nothing and achieving success by following his dreams, to motivate his audience about the power of a dream. Phipps spoke on how he has been privileged to sing for national icons such as Oprah Winfrey, Rosa Parks and every U.S. president since 34th President Dwight Eisenhower. Throughout the night, Phipps used his deep baritone to take the audience through his past experiences and journeys within his ministry and music.

Phipps wrapped up his lecture singing "Wade in the Water," with a little crowd participation, and was afterwards rewarded with the chapter's highest award, the Brandon L. Clark Alpha Excellence Award.

After Phipps finished, the Kappa Tau chapter brothers conducted the candle lighting part of the ceremony. Each brother took his turn lighting candles that represented love, repentance, memory, hope, thankfulness and commitment.

Audience members were left with something to reflect on as they exit-

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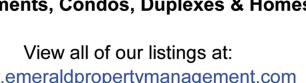
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